

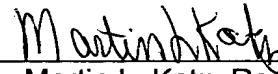
REMARKS

Claims 1 through 27 have been amended to eliminate multiple dependences and place them in proper form for consideration. Favorable consideration of claims 1 through 23 and 26 through 28 is respectfully requested.

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Respectfully submitted,

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